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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN GEORGIA

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1. EMBOFF WAS IN CITY OF YEREVAN AT TIME OF REPORTED EARTHQUAKE (REFTELS). EARTH TREMORS STRUCK YEREVAN AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 24. EMBOFF AND WIFE, WHO WERE HAVING LUNCH AT HOTEL ARMENIA AT TIME, REPORTED THAT TREMORS WERE NOT OF SHARP, DISH-RATTLING NATURE, BUT RATHER SLOW, DEEP AND WAVE-LIKE. DURATION OF TREMORS WAS BETWEEN 5 AND 10 SECONDS. THEY WERE DISTINCTLY NOTICEABLE AND ALL ACTIVITY STOPPED MOMENTARILY IN RESTAURANT. PATRONS' ATTENTIONS WAS DRAWN TO CHANDELIER IN CENTER OF ROOM WHICH SWAYED SLOWLY BACK AND FORTH. AS TREMOR SUBSIDED, PATRONS GENERALLY REACTED WITH NERVOUS LAUGHTER AND ANOTHER SLUG OF COGNAC. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DAMAGE IN THE CITY.

2. EMBOFF AND WIFE TRAVELLED BY TRAIN THAT NIGHT TO TBILISI ARRIVING EARLY NOVEMBER 24. THERE WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO EVIDENCE OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE IN THE CITY.

AMERICAN EXCHANGE PROFESSOR AND WIFE WHO ARE RESIDENT
IN TBILISI AND WERE THERE AT TIME OF EARTHQUAKE
REPORTED THEY ALSO OBSERVED NO RPT NO DAMAGE AND HAD
NOT NOTICED TREMORS. THEIR SOVIET CONTACTS SEEMED
UNAWARE THAT EARTHQUAKE HAD OCCURRED.

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